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APPLICANT: James G. Prather

Examiner: J. Restifo

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FOR: MULTI-LEVEL PERSONAL HANDCART

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ELECTION AND RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir,

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed March 7, 2003, and is being submitted with a request and appropriate fee commensurate with a request for a one-month extension of time.

The Examiner has indicated claims 1-21 were subject to a restriction requirement under 35 USC 121, noting that the claims fell into two groups:

Group I including claims 1-17, drawn to a multi-level utility cart, and classified in class 280, subclass 651; and

Group II including claims 18-21, drawn to a method of deterring theft of shopping carts, and classified in class 280, subclass 33.994.

In reply to the March 7, 2003 restriction requirement, the applicant requests consideration of the claims as set forth on the following pages, and reconsideration of the requirement to divide this application as follows.

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